

# Agricultural Situation

A Report to Water Availability Task Force

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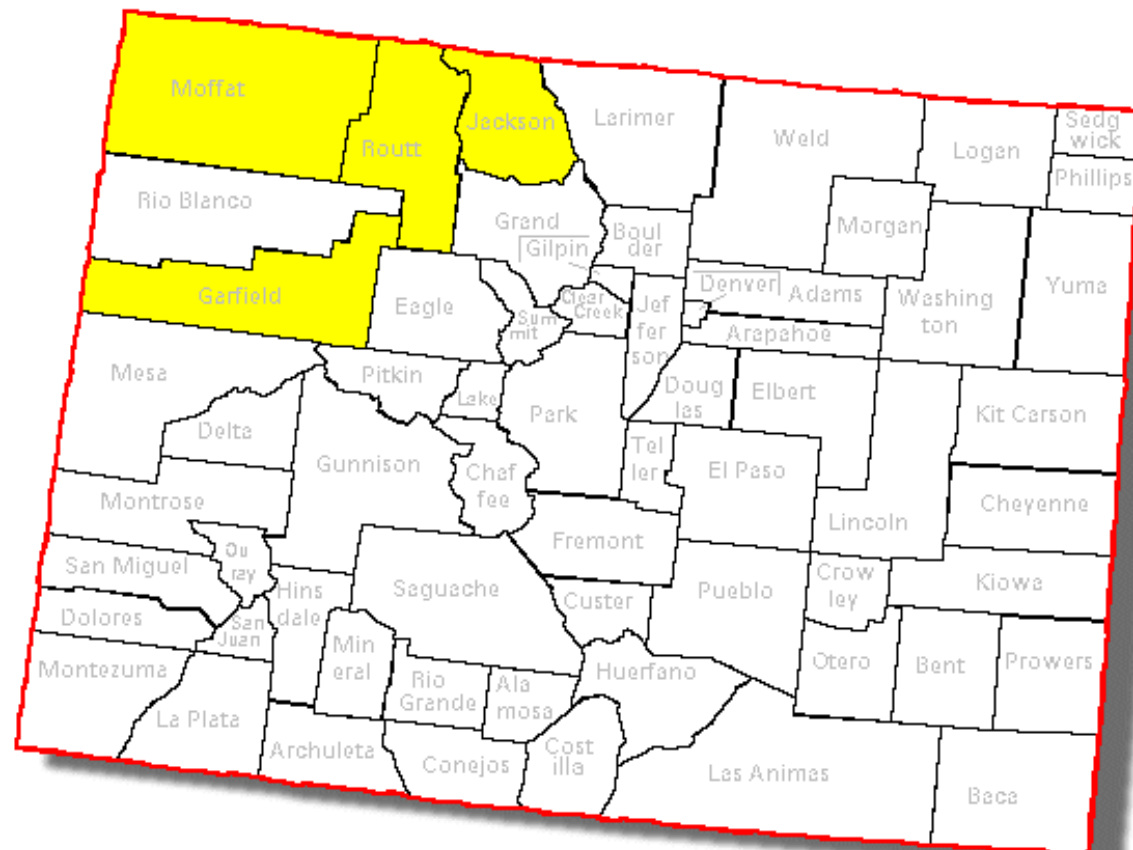
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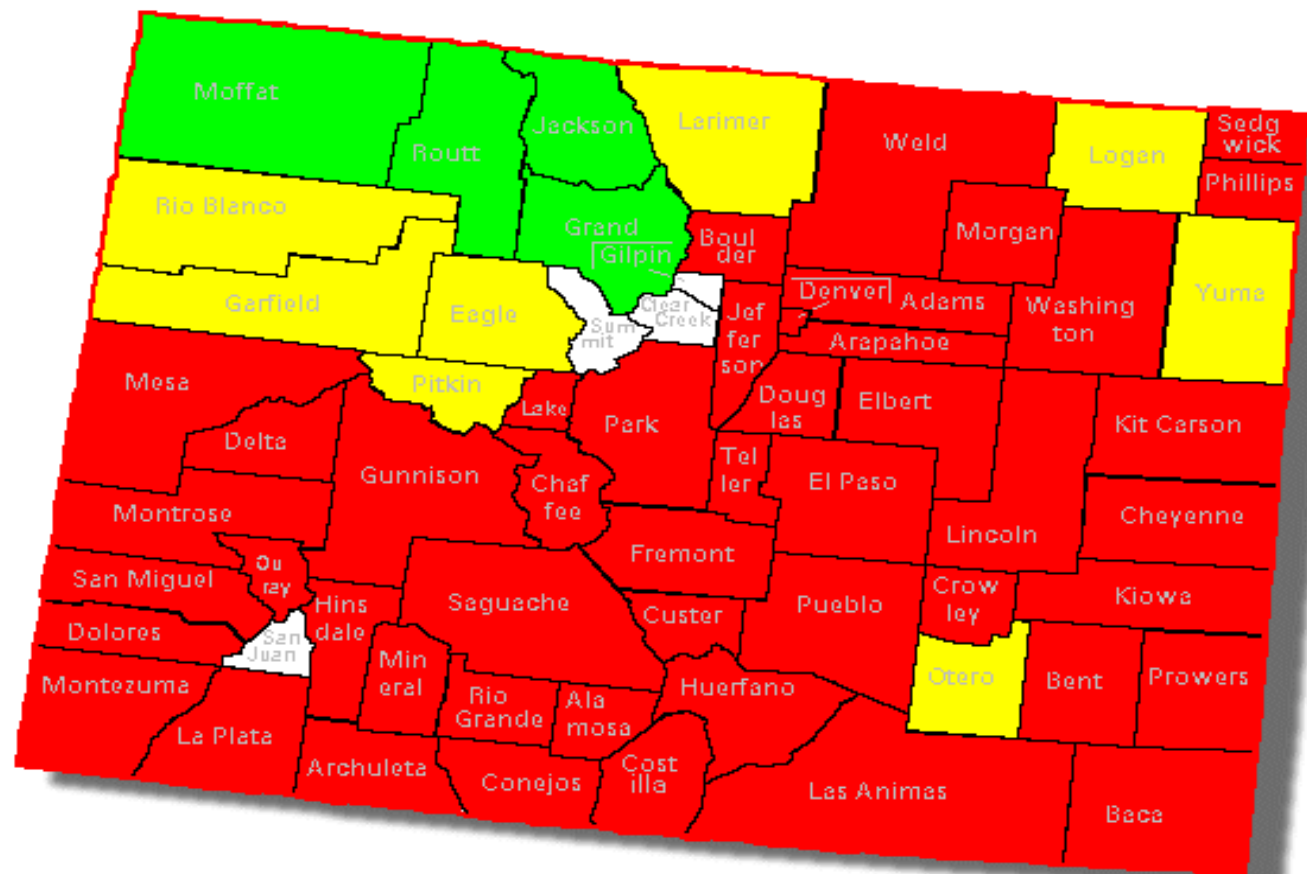
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# Colorado Counties Not Having Disaster Designation



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<https://disasterhelp.gov/portal/jhtml/usda/>



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# Top Soil Moisture

USDA - Colorado



	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
17-Jul	21	35	42	2
9-Jul	20	29	47	4
19-Jun	41	43	16	0
2005	15	39	45	1



# Subsoil Moisture

USDA - Colorado



	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
17-Jul	35	43	22	0
9-Jul	33	45	22	0
16-Jun	43	42	15	0
2005	19	37	42	2

# Pasture and Range

USDA - Colorado



	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good - Excellent
9-Jul	40	25	25	10
19-Jun	30	38	25	7
2005	7	18	35	40
5-Yr Avg	17	21	35	27



# Winter Wheat

as of 20 July 06 Report from  
Colorado Wheat Growers Assn.

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- Harvest was 10-14 days early
- Production = 42 million bushels
  - 10-year average = 70.6 million bushels
  - Below average for 6 of last 7 years
- 2nd smallest crop since 1969

# Alfalfa

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- Hay prices high.
  - Good for producers
  - Problems
    - Livestock owners
    - Horse owners
    - Importation of poor quality and weedy hay
- Increase in irrigation water availability
  - Increased production



# Irrigated Crops

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- Corn – mostly good
- Sorghum – mostly good
- Summer potatoes – good to excellent
- Fall potatoes – fair to good
- Sunflowers – mostly good

# Livestock

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- Feeding supplemental feed
- Early weaning
- Culling herds
- CRP grazing and haying
  - Expanded number of counties
  - 10% reduction in rental rate (rather than 25%)



# *Thank You!*

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